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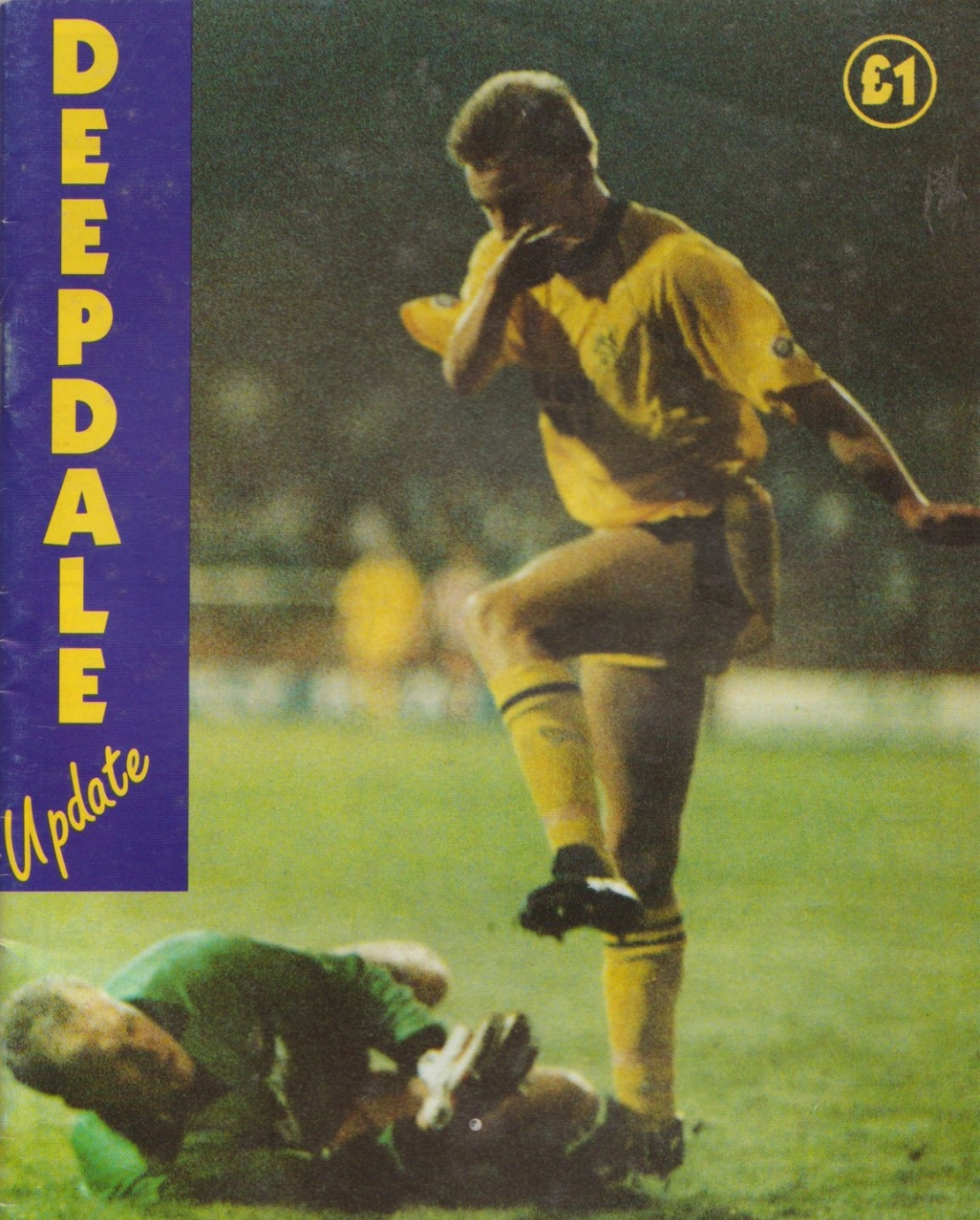

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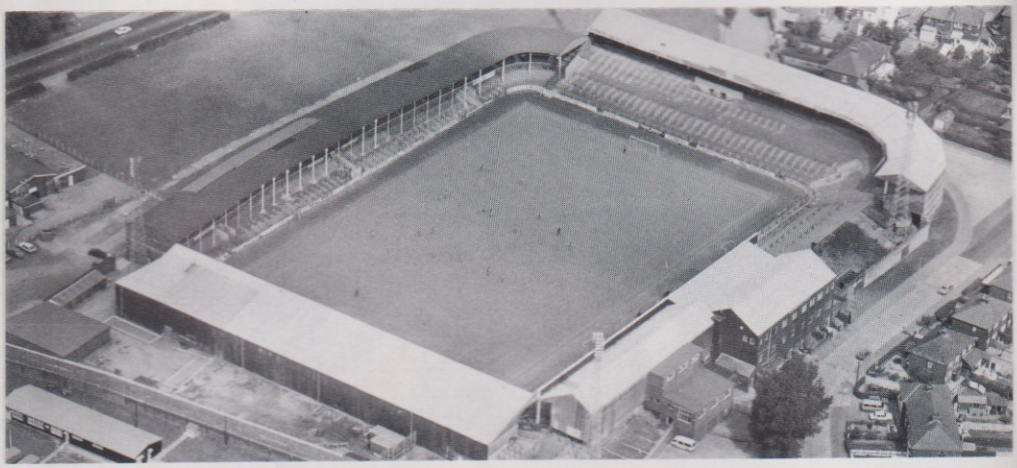

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Welcome back to Deepdale for our second home game in four days and another chance to pick up some precious points.

Our opponents, Reading, are also in need of a few more points to ensure safety and we expect something of a battle.

The game down at Elm Park just a few weeks ago saw us come back to force a 2-2 draw with second half goals from Matthew Lambert and Graham Shaw.

After tonight's game we have a run of fixtures against teams currently in the chase for promotion spots, Stoke City, Birmingham City and West Bromwich Albion.

That represents a very difficult week or so over the Easter period but we have fared very well against the top sides this season.

We already have wins over Brentford, West Bromwich, Stockport County and a "double" over Huddersfield Town. It would be great to see such a sequence continue during the next three games.

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During the past few days we have received many comments and observations regarding our moves to attempt to form a closer bond with our supporters.

While we would never wish to cross the line of confidentiality, which applies in all walks of life, we feel there is a need for better links. Keeping the fans informed is what we are talking about.

The recent fans' meeting and radio phone in were just the opening moves and it was nice to see and hear our efforts winning some applause.

We are quite prepared to accept constructive criticism - and a bit of praise is nice too!

The following sentiments were included in one such letter from Mr. P.A. Mercer of Coppull, Chorley:

"As a season ticket holder for 30 years with two teenagers I applaud the phone-in on Radio Lancashire.

"I would like to congratulate Mr. Leeming for his courage in going on the air as I am sure he knew he would be subjected to criticism.

I would implore him to continue to be as open in public as information has been sadly lacking in the past leading to discontent and ill-informed rumour mongering.

"Secondly as someone who admired Paul Agnew as a journalist I must also put on record my admiration for the way Paul personally handled the questioning. I

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thought he answered directly, pleasantly, openly and honestly."

Mr. Mercer then commented on certain improvements he would like to see at Deepdale before concluding: "I wish the club every success in the future and the phone-in has gone some way towards encouraging me to renew my season ticket next season."

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Div One: Highest Gate: 47,185 Manchester United v West Ham. Lowest Gate: 3,121 Wimbledon v Sheffield Wednesday. Best Average: 44,809 Manchester United. Lowest Average: 7,020 Wimbledon. Goal Power: Leeds United 65 (1.81 goals/game). Top Stoppers: Manchester United (25 goals in 35 games). Best home record: Liverpool (18 games 40 points). Best away record: Manchester United (18 games 34 points).

Div Two: Highest Gate: 30,306 Newcastle United v Sunderland. Lowest Gate: 3,420 Oxford United v Barnsley. Best Average: 20,759 Newcastle United. Lowest Average: 5,294 Oxford United. Goal Power: Swindon Town 63 (1.66 goals/game). Top Stoppers: Middlesbrough (31 goals in 36 games). Best home record: Blackburn Rovers (19 games 43 points). Best away record: Charlton Athletic (20 games 33 points).

Div Three: Highest Gate: 27,508 Birmingham City v West Bromwich Albion. Lowest Gate: 871 Chester City v Exeter City. Best Average: 13,025 West Bromwich Albion. Lowest Average: 1,724 Chester City. Goal Power: Stockport County 69 (1.73 goals/game). Top Stoppers: Huddersfield Town (36 goals in 40 games). Best home record: Brentford (20 games 44 points). Best away record: Birmingham City (19 games 28 points).

Div Four: Highest Gate: 18,183 Burnley v Blackpool. Lowest Gate: 842 Maidstone United v Hereford United. Best Average: 9,770 Burnley. Lowest Average: 1,413 Maidstone United. Goal Power: Burnley 68 (1.94 goals/game). Top Stoppers: Rotherham United (35 goals in 36 games). Best home record: Blackpool (18 games 45 points). Best away record: Mansfield Town (19 games 33 points).

CROWD FIGURES

		AGGREGATE	*GAMES*	*AVERAGE*	*+/-%*
Division One	90-91	7,393,398	327	22,610	
	91-92	8,380,956	390	21,490	-4.9%
Division Two	90-91	5,265,152	472	11,155	
	91-92	4,661,489	464	10,046	-9.9%
Division Three	90-91	2,388,775	466	5,126	
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Division Four	90-91	1,438,551	462	3,114	
	91-92	1,415,916	427	3,316	+6.5%
Total	90-91	16,485,876	1,727	9,546	
	91-92	16,960,369	1,746	9,714	

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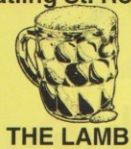

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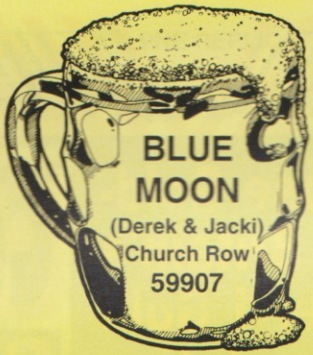

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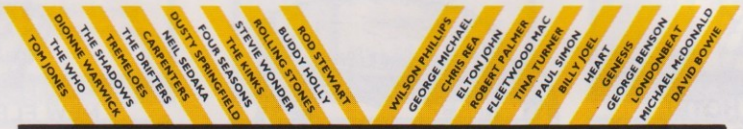

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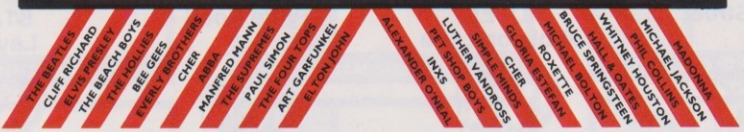

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DANNY BAILEY Midfield. Joined Reading from Exeter City for £40,000 in December 1990. A strong midfield player often likened to Glasgow Rangers' Terry Hurlock.

NEALE COOPER Midfield. Joined Reading this June on a free transfer from Glasgow Rangers. Lively, intelligent player with high quality skills. Renowned for ball control and passing. Good team member, will add strength to midfield and should prove to be an excellent signing for Reading.

KEVIN DILLON Midfield. Vastly experienced, having made over 400 appearances for Birmingham City, Portsmouth and Newcastle United. Released by Newcastle during the summer and snapped up by his former Magpie team mate to add bite and flair to the middle of the park.

STEVE FRANCIS Goalkeeper. Age 26. A £15,000 buy from Chelsea in 1987. Has since made over 170 appearances for Reading and is a previous recipient of the Player of the Year award.

MICHAEL GILKES Forward. Age 24. Very fast, raiding winger. Launches probing runs down wings with quick dribbling skills. Regular first team member since joining Reading from Leicester in the summer of 1984 and will no doubt figure strongly again for Reading this season.

MICK GOODING Midfield. Age 32. Signed from Wolverhampton Wanderers in December 1990 for £65,000. Previous clubs include Bishop Auckland , Rotherham United, Chesterfield and Peterborough.

DANNY HONEY Goalkeeper. Progressed through the School of Excellence and YTS Scheme. Age 19, stands 5'11" and hails from Wokingham. Is very brave and has every chance of breaking into the first team.

MARK HOLZMAN Midfield. First year professional having been a member of the Club's School of Excellence. Made debut against Hull City on opening Saturday of the season.

LINDEN JONES Defender. Age 31. The Welsh Wonder. Arrived in 1987 from Newport with a £30,000 price tag. Former Welsh U21 cap, who can play in either defence or midfield and always gives one hundred per cent. Has now made well over 100 appearances for Reading and remains one of the club's most versatile players.

DAVID LEWORTHY Forward. Born in Portsmouth, whom he joined as an apprentice. Moved to Tottenham Hotspur, then Oxford United before joining Reading. A natural goalscorer with an impressive record in view of his restricted outings.

STUART LOVELL Midfield. An outstanding prospect who has emerged from the Royals' School of Excellence. A strong player with a nose for goal, as he showed by scoring the winner against Fulham last season on his debut.

CRAIG MASKELL Forward. Reading's joint record signing of £250,000 when joining from Huddersfield Town during the summer of 1990. His good touch and ability to turn players earns him a place on a number of club's shopping lists.

KEITH MCPHERSON Defender. Voted supporter's Player of the Year last season. A good solid, dependable defender and team captain. Joined Reading from Northampton Town for a fee of £75,000 during the summer of 1990. It is reported that the Royals were offered £250,000 for his services last season. Valued at treble that sum.

STEVE RICHARDSON Defender. Age 29. Signed from Southampton on a free transfer in 1982. Has since helped Reading to the Division Three title in 1984 and the Simod Cup in 1988. Signed a new two year contract during the summer and is due a testimonial this season.

Reading

Back Row *(left to right)* Craig Maskell, Brendan Rodgers, Mark Holzman, Scott Taylor, Stuart Lovell, Chris Seymour, David Leworthy
Middle Row *(left to right)* Colin Lee (coach), Nathan Fealey, Floyd Streete, Adrian Williams, Daniel Honey, Steve Francis, Trevor Senior, Keith McPherson, Neale Cooper, John Haselden (physio)
Front Row *(left to right)* Michael Gilkes, Kevin Dillon, Linden Jones, Mark McGhee (player/manager), Danny Bailey, Mick Gooding and Steve Richardson.

TREVOR SENIOR Forward. Age 29. The most prolific striker in Reading's history with 177 goals. Started league career at Portsmouth and joined Reading for £30,000 in 1983 after a spell on loan at Aldershot. Scored 102 goals in 164 League appearances, before attracting Watford for a fee of £325,000. Subsequently moved to Middlesborough for £200,000 but returned back to Elm Park in October 1988 in a £150,000 deal. Top scorer for Reading last season for the second consecutive year and always poses a threat to defenders.

CHRIS SEYMOUR Defender. Another home grown talent who looks likely to force his way into the first team this season. Made his debut against Exeter City on the opening day of last season.

FLOYD STREETE. Defender. A very dependable central defender with over 250 League appearances to his credit. Born in Halifax in 1964. Has spent two separate spells at Wolverhampton Wanderers, in between playing 125 games for Cambridge United. Joined Reading last year but spent much of the season sidelined through injury.

SCOTT TAYLOR Midfield. Age 20. Young, classy midfield player. Yet another product of Reading's successful Youth Scheme. Despite his tender years has already made over 50 appearances for the Royals and looks likely to be part of the club's future plans.

ADRIAN WILLIAMS. Defender. Age 20. Former Youth Team captain. Regarded as one of Reading's most talented and promising young players. Strong and very difficult to play against. More recently has been lining up in midfield and proved himself to be equally at home.

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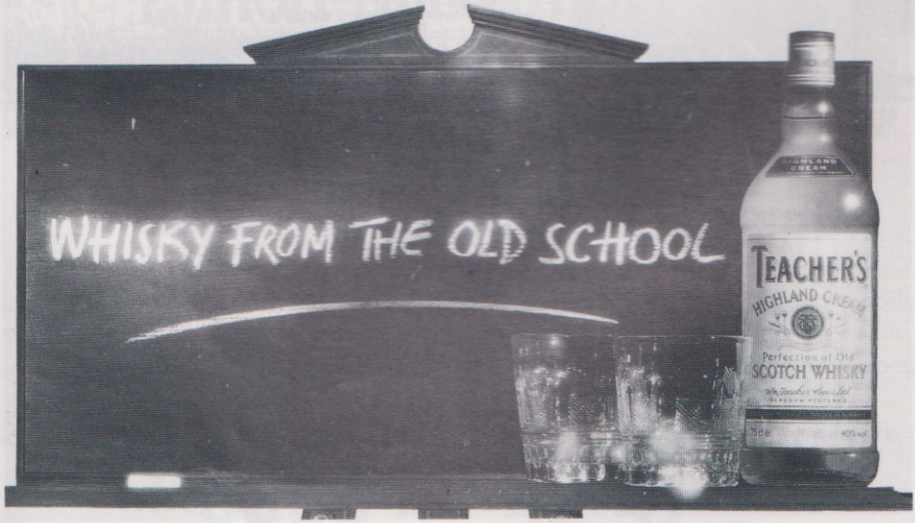

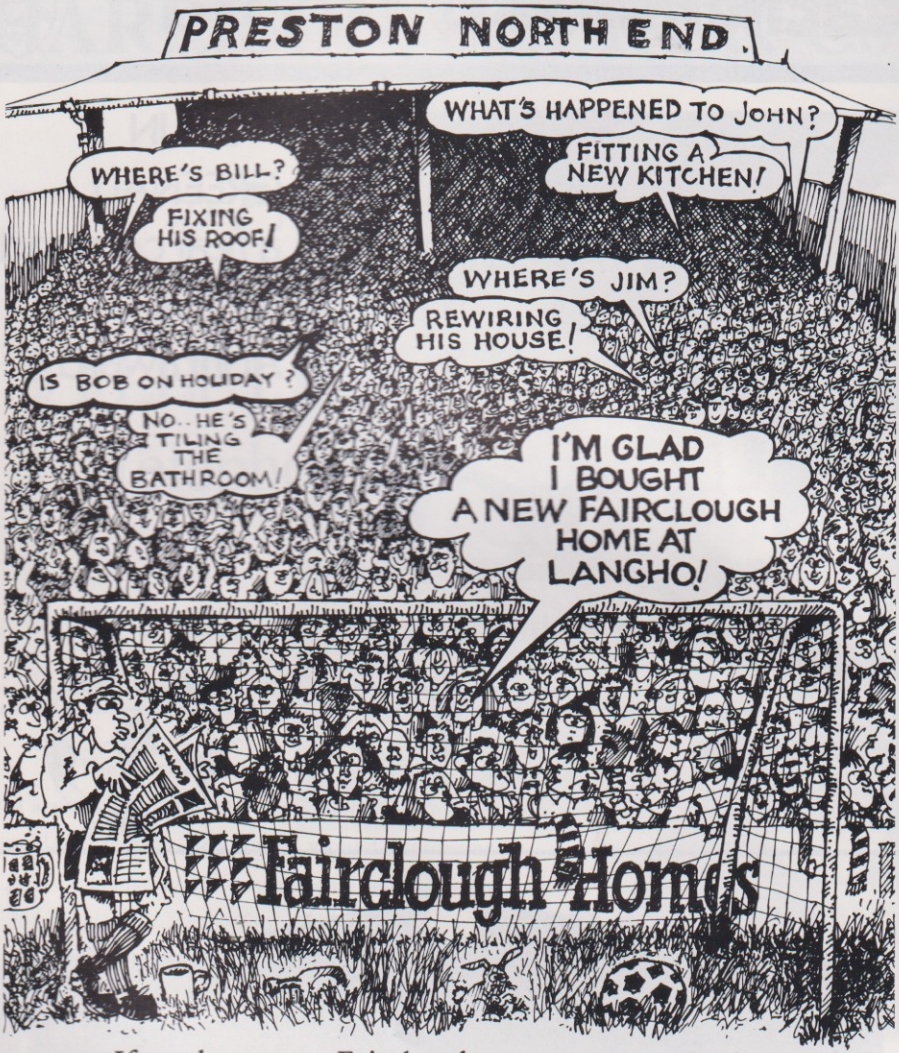

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WEST BROM - 25th APRIL

Bookings will also be taken at the Portakabin before and after the game on 21st April and, if seats are still available, on Thursday, 23rd April, 7.00 - 7.30pm.

No alcohol is allowed on coaches and no one will be allowed to travel whose behaviour is unacceptable.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION

This year's Player of the Year Presentation event will be held in the Guild Club, Deepdale, on Saturday May 2nd from 8.00 p.m. Tickets, priced £3.00, including food and music, are on sale at the Portakabin or, by post, c/o Sue Jackson, Executive Box 15, PNE FC, Deepdale, Preston (Cheques and postal orders made payable to PNE OFC please).

All members will receive their voting slips by post. Please return them to Maureen Robinson, address as above, by 27th April.

SUPPORTERS FOOTBALL

Both the Senior Supporters Club team and the Junior Whites took on teams of Bradford City supporters before the game on April 4th. All enjoyed a good day out with the Senior team holding their opponents to a 1-1 draw.

THANK YOU.

Following the collection organised by the Supporters Club a cheque for £1,126 was sent to Alex Spark and money is still coming in. We have also invited Alex and his fiancée, Sue, to a game at Deepdale before the end of the season. We have received the following from Alex:

"Many thanks for the donation of £1,126 which I received. I was overwhelmed by the amount of interest from the many supporters of the Club after all this time. I would also like to thank you for the amount of hard work you obviously put in to collect the money. The money is going to be used towards an adapted car for me, to give me a certain degree of independence. There is still a long way to go yet, but I'll get there ..... Sue and I would love to accept your invitation to a match at Deepdale.....Many thanks once again, and I hope to see you soon".

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Reserve Round Up

Wednesday 1st April 1992

PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Preston North End Res (0) 2 Wigan Athletic Res (0) 1

Kerfoot 64, Christie 66 Powell 57 Att. 80

Booking - Eaves (39 mins)

Played at Deepdale, Preston.

With Alan Kelly returning to action after injury and Steve Senior having served his suspension it gave the side a more experienced look.

The first half was goalless but North End took control and created plenty of scoring chances, Senior rifled in two 25 yarders which were just off target, the in form Ainsworth left a trail of visiting defenders his shot just clearing the bar.

Striker Stephen Finney was withdrawn after sustaining an ankle injury to be replaced up front by Jason Kerfoot (27 mins).

More scoring opportunities fell to Ainsworth, Greenwood and Lambert but the ball refused to enter the "Latics" net. All Wigan Athletic could muster in this half was when Griffiths was clean through only to screw his shot wide.

After the restart the game followed the same pattern until on 57 minutes Preston North End were made to pay dearly for those missed chances. Powell latched on to a pass and from the edge of the penalty area he planted a well struck low shot past Kelly's right hand into the bottom corner. Preston North End rolled up their sleeves and fully deserved to draw level Christie's centre from the left went across the face of the Wigan goal, persistent work by Ainsworth on the opposite flank enabled him to lay on the pass for Kerfoot to knock in (64 mins). The winner soon arrived, Greenwood was fouled. David Christie hit a powerful left foot free-kick over the Wigan wall into the top corner. A goal fit to win any match.

A good all-round team performance with Siddall, Senior, Lambert, Ainsworth and Christie playing really well. Preston North End completing the double over their neighbours.

PRESTON NORTH END RESERVES - Kelly, Siddall, Senior, Eaves, Burrow, Lambert (Capt), Ainsworth, Swann, Greenwood, Finney, Christie -

Subs - Kerfoot for Finney (27 mins), Moylon (not used).

WIGAN ATHLETIC RESERVES - Pennock, Doolan, Strong, Gallagher, Appleton, Roberts, O'Brien, Powell, Sharratt, Carberry (Capt) Griffiths -

Subs - Leyland for Roberts (45 mins), Harrison for Sharratt (83 mins).

North End Man of the Match- Gareth Ainsworth

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PONTIN'S LEAGUE APPEARANCES 28 GAMES
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Siddall	24	Thompson	6
Eaves	23	Bennett	6
Lambert	22	Critchley	4 + 3
Kerfoot	21 + 3	Close	4 + 2
Christie	17 + 3	Davies	4
Finney	14 + 1	Johnrose	4
Ainsworth	12 + 4	Kelly	4
Farnworth	12	Williams (C)	3 + 3
Flitcroft	11 + 2	O'Connor	3
Hughes	11	Senior	3
Greenwood	11	Wrightson	3
Moylon	10 + 2	Jepson	3
Cartwright	10	Gillespie	2
Williams (N)	9	James	2
Bagnall	9	Hall	1 + 1
Thomas	8	Hindle	1 + 1
Burton	7 + 2	Nixon	1
Ashcroft	7	Masefield	1
Swann	7	Whitworth	1
Burrow	6 + 2	Joyce	1

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PONTIN'S LEAGUE GOALSCORERS
(34 Goals Scored)

Thomas	5	Kerfoot	2	Siddall	1
Greenwood	3	Finney	2	Cartwright	1
Swann	3	Christie	2	Jepson	1
Johnrose	2	Close	1	Thompson	1
Lambert	2	Williams (N)	1	Ainsworth	1
Eaves	2	Burton	1		
Flitcroft	2	Hall	1		

PONTIN'S LEAGUE FIXTURES 1991/92

Home Matches: 7.00 p.m. kick-off

Date		Opponent	Ground	F	A
1991					
Aug 21	W	Burnley	A	0	1
29	Th	**Middlesborough**	H	0	1
Sep 10	T	**Huddersfield**	H	1	4
16	M	York City	A	2	1
24	T	**Mansfield Town**	H	2	1
30	M	Leicester City	A	1	2
Oct 7	M	**Blackpool**	H	4	4
16	W	Wolverhampton Wndrs	A	0	4
21	M	**Port Vale**	H	1	1
30	W	Stoke City	A	3	1
Nov 4	M	Grimsby Town	A	1	3
13	W	Scunthorpe Utd	A	0	4
20	W	Hull City	A	0	0
26	T	**Derby County**	H	0	2
Dec 3	T	Wigan Athletic	A	2	1
17	T	**Burnley**	H	2	0
1992					
Jan 8	W	Middlesborough	A	0	2
14	T	Oldham Athletic	A	2	3
21	T	**Hull City**	H	1	0
28	T	**Wolverhampton Wndrs**	H	1	0
Feb 5	W	Port Vale	A	1	7
12	W	**Notts County**	H	2	2
25	T	**Oldham Athletic**	H	1	1
Mar 2	M	**Scunthorpe United**	H	1	1
9	M	**Stoke City**	H	2	4
18	W	**Grimsby Town**	H	2	2
25	W	Huddersfield Town	A	0	5
Apr 1	W	**Wigan Athletic**	H	2	1
6	M	Mansfield Town	A	1	0
13	M	**York City**	H		
16	Th	Notts County	A		
22	W	**Leicester City**	H		
29	W	Blackpool	A		
May 5	T	Derby County	A		

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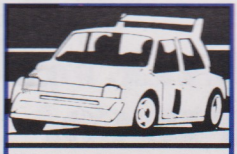

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Refreshing the Memory with Mike Payne

In the 1920's and 1930's Preston North End met today's opponents Reading ten times in Division two, winning five, drawing two and losing three. The last of those matches came in 1931 and there was to be a gap of 40 years before the two sides would meet again.

In fact it was our promotion season of 1970-1 when the Biscuit Men (I remember all the old nicknames!) came back to Deepdale. It was September the 12th and the game will hold very fond memories for Gerry Ingram. the big blonde striker hit a hat-trick in a 4-1 win taking his tally to ten in his last six league and cup games. David Wilson scored the other goal whilst Gordon Cumming scored a consolation goal for Reading from the penalty spot. The return match that season was at Easter and Reading caught us in a pre-promotion sticky patch and won through a Dick Habbin goal. John Bird broke his nose in that game but it was all smiles at the end of that exciting year.

The 1982-3 season was a good one for us against the men from Berkshire. The meeting in September was billed as the battle of the hottest hot-shots in the Third Division. Preston North End were hit by Reading's new scoring sensation Kerry Dixon. He hit two goals in the 11th and 16th minutes and it left the home side seemingly in control. Only a goalline clearance by Andy McAteer prevented a further disaster before the same player set up Preston North End's own hot property Steve Elliott to pull a goal back. That was the inspiration Preston North End needed and it came as no surprise when Elliott equalised midway through the second-half. The revival was completed when substitute Alex Bruce scored the winner in the 87th minute.

The following May we completed the double here at Deepdale with a 2-0 victory and the feeling around the stadium afterwards was one of huge relief as the spectre of relegation was lifted. Alan Gowling and Elliott, again, scored the goals with Reading's Ken Price making it a miserable day for the Royals (Yes, I also know the new nicknames too!) by being sent off.

There is invariably a few goals about when we play Reading and back in August 1928 we beat them 7-0 here. Norman Robson 3, Willie Russell, Alex Reid, Frank Ward and the legendary Alex James scored our goals. (I must confess here that I had never heard of Norman Robson either, I'm indebted to the 'Wizard'* for that snippet!.)

It took Reading 62 years to avenge that defeat when they thrashed us at Elm Park 6-0 in February 1990. Paul Agnew called it the Nightmare on Elm Park and I think that just about summed it up! The immediate post John McGrath era was an awful time and Reading took full advantage of our position. Steve Moran, Trevor Senior 2, David Leworthy 2 and a Mike Bennett own goal did the damage.

Although I said that Reading avenged that 7-0 defeat we are still very much 'in credit' due to the result of our very first meeting against them. That came on Saturday January the 27th 1894 in the first round of the FA Cup. Preston North End had been hit by torrential rain and gale force winds on the Friday night but on the Saturday it was Reading that was hit by a hurricane. The score? 18-0 to Preston North End! The match was summed up by a reporter known as Deepdalian who wrote in the Athletic News, "Innocent of the tactics which guide the great clubs of the North, Reading were sunk without trace in a sea of mud." One cannot begin to comprehend what football in those days was really like because, would you believe, Reading played in smooth soled boots! Perhaps they hadn't invented studs in the south at the time? Ironically, they would probably get away with wearing them today!

** It would be impossible for me to come up with all of these facts and figures on my own and regular readers of the Evening Post will have seen a reference to the "Preston North End Statistical Wizard" recently. That apt description referred to Ian Rigby and I am indebted to him for his help during the season. As from now he will be referred to, by me, as the Wizard!*

TRIVIA TIME

The 1927-8 season was a real topsy turvy one for Preston North End. Apart from that 7-0 win over Reading a 7-2 defeat at Bradford Park Avenue was followed by a 7-1 win against Port Vale. Then a 5-1 win over Wolves was offset by a 5-1 defeat at Hull. The final goals total reflected the season, 78 goals for and 79 against.

TRIVIA TIME

In that FA Cup tie with Reading in 1894, Preston North End were so much on top, and the weather so bad, that Preston North End's goalkeeper Jack Trainer actually went off to find a mackintosh to put on! Jack Ross also left the field because he was worried he might catch pneumonia!

On this day ..

14th April

The following is a selection of matches played by Preston North End on this date in years gone by.

1884 Home vs Darwen (Friendly) won 7-0
1888 Away at Bolton Wanderers (Friendly) won 4-1
1900 Home vs Liverpool (League) lost 1-3
1903 Away at Coventry City (Friendly) won 1-0
1923 Away at Arsenal (League) drew 1-1
1937 Home vs Everton (League) won 1-0
1956 Away at Wolverhampton Wanderers (League) lost 1-2
1962 Home vs Brighton (League) won 3-1
1981 Home vs Sheffield Wednesday (League) won 2-1
1990 Home vs Bristol City (League) drew 2-2

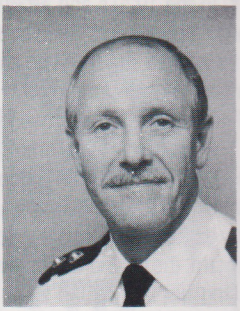
The first time we actually played on this date was back in 1883 at home against Great Lever, winning 3-1. It was our 19th home win out of 24. (The best home win that season was against that well know team, Battersea Old Collegians! who we beat 18-3).

On this date in 1890 Preston North End had a "guest" player appearing at outside left in a goalless friendly against Blackburn Rovers. He was an England International named H.B. Daft. In Preston North End's next game against "The South of England" H.B. Daft played against us.

Tom Finney played and scored for England on this date in 1951 against Scotland. He also played against the Scots again on this date in 1956.

IAN RIGBY.

Football Beat



May I extend a warm welcome to all the Reading faithful who have made the journey to Deepdale to loyally support their team.

As you will all know by now the home fixture against Birmingham City on Tuesday 21st April 1992, kick off 7.30pm has been made all ticket by the club. This decision was taken on police advice and I would like to explain to you, the supporters, why that advice was given.

Firstly, however, allow me to say that we do understand that all ticket matches cause inconvenience to supporters who need to purchase tickets early. We are also aware that it also involves a lot of hard work for the club secretary and some additional expenditure for the club.

You will, I am sure, appreciate that decisions regarding such matters are difficult for the police. Predicting the numbers of travelling supporters and the potential for disorder at a particular match is an inexact science. The problem is compounded by the fact that these decisions need to be made some considerable time before the match. The decision to advise 'All Ticket' status for the Birmingham figure was taken on Monday 6th April 1992. If Birmingham's form deteriorates between that date and 21st April 1992 it may be that our concerns about the numbers of travelling supporters and potential for disorder appear unfounded. In such circumstances I would ask you to bear in mind the scenario we were faced with on 6th April 1992 which I will explain to you.

On that date Birmingham City were 2nd in Division Three, 3 points behind Stoke City but with 2 games in hand. We had observed Birmingham supporters at Bolton on Tuesday 17th March 1992 when behaviour was good and only 1,700 travelled. That did not cause us to favour all ticket status. Birmingham, however, have maintained a strong promotion push and on Tuesday 31st March 1992 visited Peterborough. Over 4,000 attended from Birmingham. The kick off was delayed until 7.45pm at which time 1,000 Birmingham supporters were still outside the stadium. The turnstiles could not cope with demand and in order to remove tension and ease safety worries an exit gate was opened and additional people collected entrance money at the gate.

We realise that Peterborough is slightly nearer to Birmingham than Preston but know that it is a quicker and easier journey to Preston. If Birmingham do well on the pitch before coming to Preston it is possible that the Preston match could be a promotion clincher or at least guarantee a play off place. In such circumstances we have a very real possibility of demand for attendance outweighing supply. Deepdale can accommodate 4,550 visitors. When we consider the number who went to Peterborough, the prospect of the match being a 'clincher' for Birmingham, together with previous 'freak' travelling numbers. (Particularly the Relegation 'party' at Crystal Palace three years ago) you will see that our concerns are well founded. If demand outweighed supply and the match was not all ticket there would be visiting supporters going into home areas.

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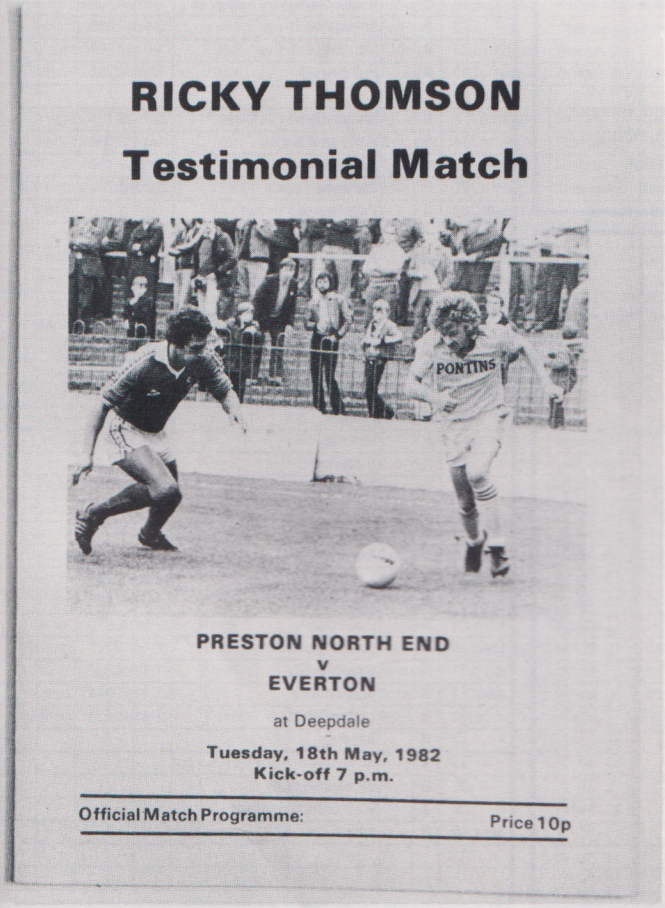
Ricky, undoubtedly one of Preston North End's most skillful and entertaining players of the 70's and 80's was awarded the testimonial fixture due to his enforced early retirement from the game. He could have "gone places" but his full potential was never realised due to recurring injuries which eventually forced an early sad end to his professional football career.

Unfortunately the 10 pence 4 page card/programme (featured) scarcely did justice to the fixture, let alone the player. The programme cover photograph shows Ricky in action at the Valley (18.8.79) in Preston North End's opening day 3-0 victory over Charlton Athletic. Inside the issue both Gordon Lee and Alex Bruce wrote in appreciation of Ricky Thomson, with a 'thank you" column from Ricky himself. His full playing details were listed as were the catalogue of his injuries from November 1979 through to his final injury on 18th November 1980.



Howard Kendall brought to Deepdale a near full strength Everton team but Preston North End in front of a 2,500 crowd won through by 3 goals to 1. Ricky Thomson and Steve Elliott (2) scored our goals.

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Who, When and Where

APPEARANCES

DIVISION THREE

Shaw 40+1, Flynn 39, Wrightson 35, Senior 35, Ashcroft 30+3, James(M) 31, Swann 28+1, Cartwright 26+2, Joyce 23+1, Kelly 23, Jepson 18+1, Farnworth 18, Greenwood 16+4, Hughes 14+1, Thompson 13+7, Williams 12+9, Thomas 8+3, Lambert 7+4, Allpress 7+2, James (J) 6, Whitworth 6, Cross 5, Greenall 4, Berry 4, Ainsworth 2+3, Johnrose 1+2, Kerfoot 0+2, Finney 0+1, Christie 0+1.

RUMBELOWS LEAGUE CUP

Farnworth 2, Senior 2, Swann 2, Wrightson 2, Flynn 2, Joyce 2, Jepson 2, Shaw 2, James (M) 2, Berry 1+1, Thompson 1+1, Ashcroft 1, Williams 1.

F.A. CUP

Senior 3, Wrightson 3, Swann 3, Flynn 3, Ashcroft 3, Cartwright 3, Thomas 3, Shaw 3, James (M) 2, Kelly 2, Allpress 2, Farnworth1, Hughes 1, Joyce 1, Greenwood 0 +1, Kerfoot 0 + 1.

AUTOGLASS TROPHY

Senior 3, Swann 3, Flynn 3, Wrightson 3, Ashcroft 3, Thomas 3, Shaw 3, Joyce 2, Kelly 2, James (M) 2, Allpress 1, Cross 1, Farnworth 1, Hughes 1, Ainsworth 1, Finney 0 (+1sub), Thompson 0 (+1 sub), Lambert 0 (+ 1 sub).

GOAL SCORERS

DIVISION THREE

Shaw 13 (1pen), Ashcroft 5, Jepson 5, Swann 5, James (M) 4, Joyce 4 (3pens.), Greenwood 3, Thomas 2, Cartwright 2, Lambert 2, Flynn 2, Senior 1, Johnrose 1, Williams 1, Wrightson 1, Thompson 1 Greenall 1.

RUMBELOWS LEAGUE CUP

Swann 2, Joyce 2 (1 pen), Shaw 1, Wrightson 1.

FA CUP

Thomas 1, Shaw 1, Swann 1, Senior 1, Flynn 1, Greenwood 1.

AUTOGLASS TROPHY

Thomas 2 (1pen), Joyce (2), Ainsworth 1.

	Home						Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke	42	13	5	3	43	22	7	8	6	23	22	73
Birmingham	40	12	6	2	37	20	8	6	6	25	22	72
Stockport	42	14	4	3	45	19	7	4	10	28	31	71
Brentford	42	15	2	4	47	28	6	5	10	23	26	70
Huddersfield	42	13	4	4	31	15	6	7	8	21	22	68
Bournemouth	42	12	3	6	29	15	7	7	7	19	27	67
Peterborough	41	12	7	2	35	18	8	6	9	21	33	66
Leyton O	41	12	7	2	35	16	6	4	10	24	29	65
West Brom.	42	11	5	5	41	24	6	8	7	16	22	64
Fulham	42	9	7	5	25	15	7	6	8	27	33	61
Hartlepool	41	11	4	6	29	21	6	4	10	24	32	59
Bolton	40	9	9	3	22	16	4	7	8	29	30	55
Swansea	41	10	5	2	33	20	4	5	12	19	35	55
Bradford	42	6	10	8	34	30	5	9	7	23	28	52
Exeter	41	11	6	4	32	20	3	4	13	20	46	52
Reading	40	6	8	6	28	23	7	4	9	23	30	51
Wigan	41	10	4	6	28	19	3	8	10	22	40	51
Preston	41	10	6	4	36	29	3	5	13	18	35	50
Hull	41	6	4	10	22	23	6	7	8	22	29	47
Chester	42	8	6	7	31	29	3	7	11	20	29	46
Bury	41	6	6	8	27	30	5	4	12	24	41	43
Shrewsbury	42	6	7	8	26	26	4	4	13	21	35	41
Torquay	41	11	2	7	23	16	0	5	16	13	43	40
Darlington	42	4	5	12	26	36	5	2	14	24	46	34

1991/92 FIRST TEAM

Date	V	90/91	Opponents	Res	Att	Pts	Pos	1
1991								
Aug 17	A		Peterborough	0-1	6,036			Farnworth
20	H		**Scarborough (RC1 1st Leg)**	5-4	2,683			Farnworth
24	H		**Torquay Utd**	3-0	3,654			Farnworth
28	A		Scarborough (RC1 2nd Leg)	1-3	2,035	A.E.T.		Farnworth
30	A		Stockport	0-2	5,405			Farnworth
Sep 3	H		**A.F.C. Bournemouth**	2-2	3,170			Kelly
7	H		**Bradford City**	1-1	4,160			Kelly
14	A		Swansea City	2-2	3,170			Kelly
17	A		Leyton Orient	0-0	3,296			Kelly
21	H		**Stoke City**	2-2	6,345			Kelly
28	A		Birmingham City	1-3	8,760			Kelly
Oct 1	H		**West Bromwich Albion**	2-0	5,293			Kelly
12	A		Bury	3-2	4,265			Kelly
19	H		**Huddersfield Town**	1-0	6,866			Kelly
22	A		Rochdale (A.T.)	1-1	1,255			Kelly
26	A		Fulham	0-1	4,022			Kelly
Nov 2	A		Chester City	2-3	1,219			Kelly
5	H		**Wigan Athletic**	3-0	3,657			Kelly
9	H		**Darlington**	2-1	4,643			Kelly
16	A		Mansfield F.A.Cup Aban.	1-1	6,422			Kelly
19	H		**Bolton Wanderers** Autoglass	2-1	2,709			Kelly
23	A		Bolton Wanderers	0-1	7,033			Kelly
27	A		Mansfield F.A. Cup	1-0	7,509			Kelly
30	A		Hull City	2-2	4,280			Kelly
Dec 4								
7	H		**Witton Albion** F.A. Cup	5-1	6,736			Kelly
14	H		**Hartlepool United**	1-4	5,032			Kelly
20	A		Torquay United	0-1	2,183			Kelly
26	H		**Stockport County**	3-2	6,782			Kelly
28	H		**Peterborough United**	1-1	5,200			Kelly
1992								
Jan 1	A		A.F.C. Bournemouth	0-1	5,508			Kelly
4	H		**Sheffield Wednesday** F.A. Cup	0-2	14,337			Farnworth
11	A		Shrewsbury Town	0-2	3,154			Farnworth
14	H		**Hull City** Autoglass	2-3	2,152	A.E.T.		Farnworth
18	H		**Exeter City**	1-3	3,585			Farnworth
25	A		Brentford	0-1	7,559			Farnworth
Feb 1	A		Huddersfield Town	2-1	6,700			Farnworth
8	H		**Fulham**	1-2	3,878			Farnworth
11	H		**Hull City**	3-1	2,932			Farnwort
15	A		Hartlepool United	0-2	2,140			Farnworth
22	H		**Shrewsbury Town**	2-2	3,342			Kelly
29	A		Reading	2-2	3,390			Kelly
Mar 3	A		Exeter City	1-4	2,214			Kelly
7	H		**Brentford**	3-2	3,548			Farnwort
10	A		Wigan Athletic	0-3	3,364			Farnwort
14	H		**Chester City**	0-3	3,909			Farnwort
21	A		Darlington	2-0	2,270			Farnwort
28	H		**Bolton Wanderers**	2-1	7,327			Farnwort
31	H		**Swansea City**	1-1	3,637			Farnwort
Apr 4	A		Bradford City	1-1	6,044			Farnwort
11	H		**Leyton Orient**	2-1	3,926			Farnwort
14	H		**Reading**					
18	A		Stoke City					
21	H		**Birmingham City**					
25	A		West Bromwich Albion					
May 2	H		**Bury**					

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RESULTS — ATTENDANCES — APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub	Sub
Senior	Swann	Wrightson	Flynn	Berry	Thompson	Joyce	Jepson	Shaw	James (M)	Williams	Lambert
Senior	**Swann(2)**	**Wrightson(1)**	Flynn	Berry	Thompson	**Joyce(1p)**	Jepson	**Shaw(1)**	James (M)	Ashcroft	Lambert
Senior	James (M)	Swann	Flynn	Wrightson	Williams	Joyce	Jepson*	**Shaw(1)**	**Ashcroft (1)**	**Greenwood (1)***	Lambert
Senior*	James (M)	Swann	Flynn	Wrightson	Williams‡	**Joyce (1)**	Jepson	Shaw	Ashcroft	Thompson*	Berry‡
Senior	James (M)	Lambert‡	Flynn	Wrightson	Berry	Swann*	Jepson	Shaw	Greenwood	Williams*	Ashcroft‡
Senior	Berry	Joyce	Flynn	Wrightson	Thompson*	Swann	Jepson	Shaw	**James (M) (1)**	Williams	**Greenwood (1)***
Senior	Wrightson	Swann	Flynn	Berry*	Greenwood	**Joyce(1p)**	Jepson	Shaw	James(M)	Ashcroft*	Kerfoot
Senior	Wrightson	Swann	Flynn	James(J)	Greenwood	Cartwright*	Jepson	**Shaw(2)**	James(M)	Thompson*	Kerfoot
Senior	James(M)	James(J)	Flynn	Wrightson	Greenwood*	Joyce	Jepson	Shaw‡	Swann	Thompson*	Cartwright‡
Senior	Wrightson	**Swann(1)**	Flynn	James(J)	Greenwood*	Joyce	**Jepson(1)**	Shaw	James(M)	Thompson*	Cartwright
Senior	Cross	Swann	Flynn	James(J)	Wrightson	Joyce	Jepson	**Shaw(1)***	James(M)	Cartwright	Thomas*
Senior(1)	Cross	**Swann(1)**	Flynn	James(J)	Wrightson	Joyce	Greenwood	Shaw	James(M)	Thomas	Cartwright
Senior*	Cross‡	Swann	Flynn	James(J)	Wrightson	Joyce	**Greenwood(1)**	**Shaw(1)**	**Ashcroft(1)**	Williams*	Thompson‡
Senior	Cross	Swann	Flynn	Wrightson	Ashcroft	Joyce	Greenwood*	Shaw	**James(M)(1)**	Williams	Thompson*
Senior	Cross	Swann	Flynn	Wrightson	Ashcroft	**Joyce(1)**	Thomas	Shaw	James(M)*	Williams	Thompson*
Senior	Cross‡	Swann	Flynn	Wrightson	Ashcroft	Joyce	Thomas*	Shaw	Cartwright	Williams‡	Thompson*
Senior*	Wrightson	**Swann (1)**	Flynn	Allpress	Ashcroft	Joyce	Thompson	**Shaw (1)**	James‡	Williams*	Cartwright‡
Williams	Wrightson	**Swann (1)**	Flynn	Allpress	Ashcroft	**Joyce(2,1p)**	Thompson	Shaw	James	Thomas	Cartwright
Senior	Wrightson	Swann‡	Flynn	Allpress	Ashcroft	Joyce	Thompson*	**Shaw (1)**	James (M)	Williams*	**Thomas‡ (1)**
Senior	Wrightson	Swann	Flynn	Allpress	Ashcroft	Joyce	Thomas	**Shaw (1)**	James (M)	Williams	Cartwright
Senior	Wrightson	Swann	Flynn	Allpress	Ashcroft	**Joyce (1)**	**Thomas (1)**	Shaw	James (M)	Williams	Cartwright
Senior	Wrightson*	Swann	Flynn	Allpress	Ashcroft	Joyce ‡	Thomas	Shaw	James (M)	Williams*	Greenwood ‡
Senior	Wrightson	Swann	Flynn	Allpress	Ashcroft	Cartwright	**Thomas (1)**	Shaw	James (M)	Williams	Greenwood
Senior	Wrightson	Swann	Flynn	Allpress	Ashcroft	Cartwright	**Thomas (1)***	**Shaw (1)**	James (M)	Greenwood*	Hughes
Senior (1)	Wrightson	**Swann (1)**	**Flynn (1)**	Allpress	Ashcroft	Cartwright	Thomas	**Shaw (1)**	James*	**Greenwood(1)***	Lambert
Senior	Wrightson	Swann	Flynn	Allpress‡	**Ashcroft(1)**	Cartwright	Thomas	Shaw	Greenwood*	Hughes*	Lambert‡
Senior	Wrightson	Hughes	Flynn	Lambert*	Ashcroft	Cartwright	Thomas	Shaw	Greenwood	Allpress*	Eaves
Senior	Wrightson	**Swann (1)**	Flynn*	Hughes	Ashcroft	Cartwright	Greenwood	**Shaw (1p)**	**James (1)**	Thomas	Allpress
Senior	Wrightson	Swann	Flynn	Hughes	Ashcroft	**Cartwright (1)**	Greenwood*	Shaw	James	Thomas*	Allpress
Senior	Wrightson	Swann	Flynn	Hughes	Ashcroft	Cartwright	Thomas	Shaw*	Allpress‡	Kerfoot*	Joyce‡
Senior	Wrightson	Swann	Flynn	Hughes	Ashcroft	Cartwright	Thomas	Shaw	Joyce*	Lambert	Kerfoot*
Senior	Wrightson	Swann	Flynn	Hughes	Ashcroft	Cartwright	Thomas	Shaw*	Ainsworth	Lambert	Kerfoot*
Senior	Wrightson	Swann	Flynn*	Hughes‡	Ashcroft	Cartwright	**Thomas (1)**	Shaw	**Ainsworth (1)**	Finney*	Lambert‡
Senior	Wrightson‡	Swann	Whitworth	Hughes	Ashcroft	Cartwright	Thomas	Shaw*	Ainsworth	Finney*	**Lambert‡(1)**
Senior	Lambert	Swann	Whitworth	Hughes	Ashcroft	Cartwright	Johnrose*	Greenwood	James	Wrightson	Shaw*
Senior‡	Flynn	Swann	Whitworth	Hughes	Ashcroft	**Cartwright(1)**	Greenwood	**Shaw*(1)**	James	Ainsworth*	Lambert‡
Senior	Wrightson	Hughes*	Flynn	Whitworth	Ashcroft‡	Cartwright	Greenwood	Shaw	Swann	**Johnrose(1)***	**Williams‡**
Senior	Lambert	Wrightson	Flynn	Whitworth	Ashcroft	Cartwright	**Jepson(2)***	Shaw	**Williams(1)**	Johnrose*	Ainsworth
Senior	Lambert	Wrightson	Flynn	Whitworth	Ashcroft	Cartwright	Greenwood	Shaw	Williams	Swann	Hughes
Senior	**James**(1)	**Wrightson**(1)	Flynn	Hughes	Ashcroft	Cartwright	Jepson	Shaw	Williams	Lambert	Swann
Senior	**Lambert**(1)	Wrightson	Flynn	Hughes‡	Williams*	Cartwright	Jepson	**Shaw**(1)	James	Ashcroft*	Swann‡
Senior	Lambert*	Cartwright	Flynn	Wrightson	**Ashcroft**(1)	Swann	Jepson‡	Shaw	James	Williams*	Thompson‡
Senior	Wrightson	Cartwright	Flynn	Hughes	**Ashcroft**(1)	Joyce	**Thompson**(1)*	**Shaw**(1)	James	Swann	Williams*
Senior	Wrightson	Cartwright*	Flynn	Hughes	Ashcroft	Joyce	Thompson	Shaw	James	Lambert*	Ainsworth
Williams*	Wrightson	Cartwright	Flynn	Hughes	Ashcroft	Joyce	Thopmson	Shaw	James	Jepson*	Swann
Williams	James	Cartwright	Flynn	Wrightson	Ashcroft	Joyce	**Jepson**(2)	Shaw	Thompson	Swann	Ainsworth
Williams	James	Cartwright	**Flynn**(1)	Greenall	Ashcroft	**Joyce**(1p)	Jepson	Shaw	Thompson	Ainsworth	Lambert
Williams	James	Cartwright	Flynn	**Greenall**(1)	Ashcroft	Joyce	Jepson	Shaw*	Thompson	Senior	Ainsworth*
Williams	James	Cartwright	Flynn	Greenall	Senior*	Joyce	Jepson	**Shaw**(1)	Thompson	Swann	Ainsworth*
Williams	James	Cartwright	**Flynn(1)**	Greenall	Ashcroft*	Joyce	Jepson	Shaw	Thompson	Eaves	Christie*

TEAM CHECK

PRESTON NORTH END

1 Simon FARNWORTH
2 Neil WILLIAMS
3 Martin JAMES
4 Lee CARTWRIGHT
5 Jeff WRIGHTSON
6 Colin GREENALL
7 Lee ASHCROFT
8 Warren JOYCE
9 Ronnie JEPSON
10 Graham SHAW
11 Dave THOMPSON
12 David EAVES
14 David CHRISTIE

READING

1 Steve FRANCIS
2 Michael GOODING
3 Steve RICHARDSON
4 Keith McPHERSON
5 Adrian WILLIAMS
6 Floyd STREETE
7 Lea BARKUS
8 Kevin DILLON
9 Mark McGHEE
10 David ROBINSON
11 Stuart LOVELL
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